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Loring Park Art Festival Welcomes Lakes & Legends Beer Garden - July 28 & 29, 2018

(Minneapolis, Minn.) June 6, 2018 – Organizers of the Loring Park Art Festival have a full weekend of fun planned for the annual artful garden party, July 28 and 29, 2018.

For the nineteenth year, festival goers can view and take home art pieces from 140 local and national artists. A rich variety of styles and art forms are presented each year, including jewelry, printmaking, glass, fiber, photography, clay, painting, drawing, sculpture, wood working and mixed media. A variety of artistic pieces will be available at a wide range of prices - making it possible to own one-of-a-kind artwork.

Seeking out that unique artistic treasure in well-manicured gardens on a hot summer day may generate thirst for a cold beverage - in a garden of another variety. New to the festival this year is the Lakes & Legends Beer Garden. Lakes & Legends Brewing Company specializes in craft beers with locally grown ingredients (its taproom is located a few blocks from the park in the Loring Park neighborhood). In addition to the local brews, they will offer kombucha and soda. The beer garden will be located on the East side of the pond.

Several food vendors will be stationed throughout the park featuring a variety of savory and sweet, ethnic, gluten free items that will appeal to vegans, vegetarians and omnivores alike. The main food court will be located on the northeast side of the pond.

Activities to foster family creativity will take place each day with Simply Jane, the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and Open Eye Figure Theatre. Live music and dance will be held in the performance area at the Loring Park Community Art Center and at locations throughout the park.

The festival itinerary and maps will be available throughout the park.

Music, Entertainment and Family Activity Schedule

Saturday, July 28

10:00 a.m. - DANCE: Diversity Street Dancers

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - DONATE: American Red Cross mobile blood drive

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - MUSIC: Lori Ronchak Hammer Dulcimer Music

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - ACTIVITY: Outdoor Painters of Minnesota - Try Plein Air Painting

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - ACTIVITY: Painting with Simply Jane & ArtAble

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - ACTIVITY: Artistic Henna with Ishrat Sharmin (near the NE food court)

10:45 a.m. - MUSIC: The Spots

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - ACTIVITY: Mike Hoyt - One Another is a mobile portrait drawing station - volunteers can have portraits drawn or try drawing themselves. A Ready Go mobile art project through Springboard for the Arts.

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - ACTIVITY: Molly Van Avery, poet, will write custom poems. A Ready Go mobile art project through Springboard for the Arts.

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - MUSIC: Annie Mack

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - MUSIC: Root River Jam

Sunday, July 29

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - MUSIC: Ace Jones

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - MUSIC: Lori Ronchak Hammer Dulcimer Music

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - MUSIC: Greg Herriges

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - ACTIVITY: Outdoor Painters of Minnesota - Try Plein Air Painting

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY: Minneapolis Institute of Art, *Drawing On People, Places and Animals*

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - ACTIVITY: Artistic Henna with Ishrat Sharmin (near the NE food court)

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY: Open Eye Figure Theatre Puppet Show, *Afloat, Adrift, Away: A Parade of Oddities*

1:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. - MUSIC: Apollo Male Chorus

2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. - MUSIC: Apollo Male Chorus

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - MUSIC: Minnesota Mandolin Orchestra

Food & Beverage

Several vendors will be stationed throughout the park, including:

Anchor Fish & Chips - Fish & Chips, Meat & Veggie Pasties and more

Reverie Mobile Kitchen - GF/Vegan, Brussel Sprouts/Bacon Skewers, Jackfruit Cuban Sliders, more

Rollin' Nolens BBQ - Rib Tips, Smoked Turkey Legs and Pork Chops, Dry rub Chicken, more

Lakes & Legends Beer Garden - Craft Beer, kombucha, sodas

True Stone Coffee - Iced, hot, whole bean 4 oz bags

QUICK DETAILS

Dates / Hours: Saturday, July 28, 2018, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 29, 2018, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Loring Park at Oak Grove and Hennepin Avenue. For details, visit:

loringparkartfestival.com

Free Rides from Metro Transit (download passes) / Parking / Directions:

loringparkartfestival.com/getting-there/

Artist Exhibitors: 140 artists of varied disciplines are selected to exhibit during the festival.

For a full list of artists, detailed bios, photos of featured artwork, visit:

loringparkartfestival.com/artists

Food & Beverage: Reverie Mobile Kitchen, Anchor Fish and Chips. New: Lakes & Legends Beer Garden. For a complete list of food vendors: loringparkartfestival.com/food

Live Entertainment: Live musicians, dancers, theatre performances. For details, visit:

loringparkartfestival.com/entertainment/

ABOUT THE LORING PARK ART FESTIVAL

The Loring Park Art Festival was founded in 1999 by Pat Parnow, Mary Ann Wunderlin and Carol Haubner. It is currently produced by Artists for Artists, LLP and managed by artist partners Pat Parnow and Cindy Jacobson. Since 1999, Loring Park Art Festival has combined creative expression and community connectedness to surprise and delight all who attend. With beautiful ponds and formal gardens, Loring Park makes an idyllic spot to celebrate art, music, food, play and friends for two days each summer in downtown Minneapolis.

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